



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

Agenda Item No. 7

City Manager's Approval

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Valerie Harris, Chief of Police  
**Date:** June 14, 2010  
**Subject:** Acceptance of a donation for training and enforcement equipment purchases

### The Issue

Should the City Council approve a donation from Mr. Richard Rey to the Auburn Police Department for the purchase of one Lidar speed detection device and Simunition training supplies to better equip Auburn Police Officers to perform their duties at the highest level possible?

### Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council by **RESOLUTION** authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept a donation of \$5,000.00 made by Mr. Rey for the employees of the Auburn Police Department.

### Background & Analysis

Mr. Richard Rey has been a long time supporter of the Auburn Police Department and of the officers working diligently to keep members of the Auburn Community safe. Mr. Rey has presented a check for \$5,000 as a donation to be used in any manner that supports the officers in their daily mission. His donation expresses his appreciation for the difficult job officers must perform each and every day. This difficult economic time has impacted the City's ability to replace or purchase new equipment, all the while maintaining the same service levels to the community. This donation allows the department to purchase equipment, requested specifically by the officers, and identified as a top priority to assist them in the performance of their duties.

One of the greatest concerns in any community is proper traffic management that in turn ensures fewer injuries and deaths within our city limits. Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has proven speed enforcement by officers causes drivers to slow down in turn lessening the likelihood of collisions. Fewer collisions mean fewer roadway injuries and deaths. Lidar detection devices are state of the art technology that cost approximately \$3,500.00 each. The device requires specialized training and many of our officers have already attained the necessary certification. Certified officers will deploy the Lidar devices twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week, with the goal of lessening speeding violations throughout the city.

Department members have also indicated Simunition training supplies are high on their priority list, and request the remaining funds be used to purchase related products. The purchase of four conversion kits and cartridges, allows four officers to use their issued duty weapons in scenario based training at the same time. This type of training is essential to the development of proper response and decision making during highly volatile and dangerous situations. The purchase of Simunition supplies will afford Auburn Police Officers the opportunity to participate in frequent scenario based training, thus better equipping them for real life situations that occur. The cost of Simunition conversion kits and cartridges will not exceed \$1,800.

The combined costs for the purchase of the Lidar device and Simunition conversion kits and cartridges will exceed this donation amount by approximately \$300.00. The department's current budget has the funds to cover the overage cost. Without the donation from Mr. Rey, these purchases would not be possible.

**Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives**

1. Accept the donation and direct the police department to disperse the funds in a manner set forth by the City Council not to exceed \$5,000.00.
2. To decline the donation and return the funds to Mr. Rey.

**Fiscal Impact**

Approximately \$300.00

1 RESOLUTION NO. 10-

2 RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

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4 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

5 That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby ratify and approve the  
6 acceptance of a donation by Mr. Richard Rey to the AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT for  
7 the purchase of much needed training and traffic enforcement equipment for use by  
8 Auburn Police Officers.

9 That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby authorize the Chief of  
10 Police for the Auburn Police Department to accept a donation of money from Mr. Rey  
11 in the amount of \$5,000.00. A portion of the funds will allow for the purchase of one  
12 Lidar speed detection gun. This provides officers with highly advanced speed  
13 enforcement technology intended to lower driver speeds throughout the City. In turn,  
14 research has proven lower speeds result in fewer injuries and deaths.

15 Secondly, Auburn Police Officers will greatly benefit from the purchase of  
16 Simunition training supplies allowing them to conduct scenario based training  
17 consisting of real life deadly threat situations. Officers with this type of training are  
18 more prepared and able to react when responding to actual calls involving threats of  
19 harm to themselves or others. Without this donation the department would not be  
20 able to purchase these much needed items enabling officers to continue to diligently  
21 work to maintain a safe Auburn Community.

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23 DATED: June 14, 2010

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26 Bridget Powers, Mayor

27 ATTEST:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

1 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify  
2 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City  
3 Council of the City of Auburn held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 by the  
following vote on roll call:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk